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Camp. West Point 16th Oct 1781

Dear Sir

Enclosed is the certificates you mentioned to me some time since. which although irregular, yet I hope they will answer your purpose. Mr. Lines or Mr. Torrey ought to have given Mr Childs those receipts; but as that was omitted through the neglect of somebody not me. I now stand responsible for the whole. as I am obliged to indemnify Robertson before he would sign the receipt. and to have signed them myself. would have been interfering with the duty of the Spring Commissary or otherwise what would have been worse. left it in the power of those who may hereafter examine those accounts to suppose those articles were for my own private use. Let me recommend to you and all others in future to keep your accounts clear & settle after. I am amazed to find that Mr Childs should make any difficulty in settling the account I left with you for that purpose; If he has not the money to take up his orders & receipts no reason why he should not settle for the oyen in some way or another so that the ~~oyen~~ matter may be clear - for if he does not. I shall take the oyen from you. let the consequence be what it will. I beg you will on the receipt of this, apply again to him; have the matter settled or let me know the reasons; nothing short of the oyen or the full value of them will I except. Indeed it is the oyen I must have at all accounts, having bought and paid for them sixteen months past. I think I have a right to them now.

I dare say the people of Coos are surprised that the trial of Mr Fieberson has not yet been made public. I am told by the Genl. Secretary that it is owing to those papers being sent away on the alarm in the spring which they have not had opportunity to recover since, but they will soon be published

I must refer you to the bearer Capt Aldridge for all the news

Your Humble Servant

P. S. Gates is recalled Green succeeds him and Genl Moses Hazen Heath commands at this post. M. H.

Colo. Bedel

Direction on back "Public Services"

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Camp West Point 15th Octr 1780

Dear Sir

I have your letter of the 5th instant by Capt. Aldridge I wrote you a line a few days ago by Colo Olcott. I had but little to fear from the sentence of the Court Martial on my trial. I was acquitted of all the charges with Honor. and in other instances gained a most complete victory. I managed this matter in such a manner as not only to acquit myself of the charges, but in the course of the trial to impeach my accuser of all the charges on which I was tried, and after the publication of the sentence, brought him (the Barron) to a Court of Honor, to ask pardon &c. &c. &c. on the whole I have not lost, but gained honour by the trial——

You must not think hard that I do not send you money. inclination I assure you is not wanting, not a farthing of ten thousand hard dollars, either principle or interest can I obtain from Congress, not a sixpence for the army, since Decr last. These are disappointments which I did not expect when I saw you last. I shall go to Philadelphia myself on the latter end of this, or beginning of next month, and am confident I shall fall on some way or other to send you some money— In the mean time I have wrote to Leonard Jarves, merchant in Boston to credit you with a sum equal to four hundred dollars hard cash. If he has it in his power, or if he has any thing that will suit you. I am sorry of the disappointment though Mr. Peaslee. It will not happen again by a dependence from me-on-him- had I not relied on him I should have sent the goods from Boston. If you can fall on a method to settle with him for what he has supplied, shall be glad. I will some way or another remit it to you soon—

I wish you would settle with Mr. Childs about the oxen. the other matters may lay over if there should be any difficulty in settling them— I mentioned to you once before in some of my letters that I thought you had best recall the settlement you made with Mr. Childs- I am still of that opinion- being persuaded that all the depreciation of that money will be made up to you. This I mention to yourself only——

Capt. Aldridge will relate to you all the news in that quarter. I hope the incursion of the enemy to the northward will finally operate in favour of America, and to the particular advantage of the good people in your quarter— I beg you will settle if possible with Childs that matter of the open in an other letter which you may show him. I have required and must now request that you will enclose me by the first safe opportunity my account current. drawn out by your self, as it is not necessary at present that others should be let into our private affairs. Contrary to our first resolution. In Hastt I must conclude &c Sir

Your very Humble Servant

Moses. Hazen

If Colo Olcotts plan should take place you will find difficulty in geting your money from the State of N. Hampshire for your advances you had better look out for security in time. Perhaps you may settle Peaslee's account and give him an order for the ballance on that State or otherwise—

Moses Hazen—

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Castleton Novr 29. 1780

Then the town met according to warning & opened the meeting and proceeded.

Voted and chose Brewster Highley Moderator for said meeting

Voted, to raise a Rate of Twenty Pounds upon the list to purchase a quantity of Beef, Pork and Salt for the use of the State according to the requisition of the Assembly

Voted, for to raise 28 bushels and a half of Rye & 57 bushels of Indian corn for the use of the State by act of Assembly Each man to do his proportion

Voted that this meeting be dissolved

Attest E. Cogsel Town Clerk

A Copy of Town Record

To His Excellency the Gov.— Council and Assembly of the State of Vermont now convened in Bennington.

The request of Petition of Ira Allen Humbly sheweth That there are many accounts in his office as Treasurer unsettled that are of too long standing— That in order for the Treasurer to make a Compleat & Regular Settlement with the State, several other persons ought first to be settled with (viz) Commissioners of Sales of Confiscated Estate. Commissioners of Sequestration &c. The Treasurer therefore proposes that some suitable Method be taken that all persons that have been intrusted with public money be settled with at Least this winter as I think a compleat settlement ought to be made once in a year with all persons that are interested with public money.

The subscriber hath further to observe (viz). That as he hath from the first formation of this State been employed in Public Business that he hath spent near all his time in sd. Business much to the prejudice of his own Private Interest that he hath for the most part furnished himself with Expence money for which time & Expence he hath not Exhibited any accounts for settlement. he therefore requests that the Committee that may be appointed to settle with the Treasurer be impowered, or that some other Committee be appointed to settle said accounts and as sd. accounts are principally in Continental money at the various Stages of depreciation it would be proper that sd. Committee be impowered to reduce sd. accounts in Equity to hard money and Lastly the subscriber would take it as a favour if the Assembly would resolve that whatever should be found on a settlement to be his due that he together with his associates might receive his pay in Lands to be here after located under the same Regulations restrictions & Price as Lands of the same Quntity & situation are granted at this session

I am with sentiments
of Esteem your
obedient Humble Servant
I. Allen

Bennington Nov 4th 1780

Camp West Point 12th October 1780

Dear Sir

I wrote you a few lines by express a few days since, to which I refer this. I forward by Colonel Peter Olcott to whom I refer for all the news. Nothing it seems can be undertaken to the Northward immediately, tho' it is the wish of every one— Colo Olcott will communicate to you: your civil and Political situation, which really require some fixed plan steadily pursued. He has communicated his thoughts to me on the matter: which at present appears advisable. If the people on the River will join and hang together, they may carry almost any point— that on the division line on the River which will though ——————— any Considerable share of Legislation as well ——————————— with the original intention of Nature—

Mr. Olcott is of the opinion it must take place. I think it is a matter that requires the serious attention of the thinking people in your quarter.

I am in Haste

Dr. Sir

Yours most Sincerely

Moses Hazen

I do not see as I shall be able to send you any money until I go to Philadelphia myself. which I intend by the latter end of the month. let me hear from you by every opportunity

M. H.

Colo Bedel—